

## 2015-J278

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Downtown Alliance

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Downtown Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, under Chair Robert R. Douglass, the Alliance for Downtown New York has become one of the premier civic organizations in the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, Guided by the leadership of Carl Weisbrod, Eric Deutsch, Elizabeth H. Berger, and Jessica Lappin, the Alliance for Downtown New York has been working to enhance the quality of life in Lower Manhattan by providing workers, residents, and visitors with a clean, safe and dynamic neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The Alliance for Downtown New York is the city's largest business improvement group, providing a model of how to serve residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, The Alliance has invested in its community in both the short- and long-term, in myriad ways, whether free transportation, community advocacy, or innovative planning studies; and

WHEREAS, The Downtown Alliance has been a tireless advocate for Sandy recovery and relief on the city, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, The Downtown Alliance was instrumental in the shaping, visioning, and rebuilding of Lower Manhattan after the 9/11 attacks; and

WHEREAS, The Lower Manhattan community is better, stronger, and more resilient thanks to the leadership and commitment to the community shown for 20 tumultuous years by the Downtown Alliance; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those individuals and organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body recognizes the many contributions of the Downtown Alliance, and wishes this worthy organization continued success in its proactive mission to benefit the communities it represents; and

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Downtown Alliance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Downtown Alliance.